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However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is suspended for a period of six (6) months.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ardin Marschel whose telephone number is (703) 308-3894.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Doll", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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